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Israel

Embargoed Aircraft--MA'ARIV cited a senior political source in Jerusalem as saying a "crisis of credibility" has been created in Israeli-U.S. relations due to the U.S. administration's decision to suspend delivery of aircraft to Israel. According to the source, Israel will be unable to put up with an unbalanced U.S. policy whereby Washington imposes an embargo on the delivery of modern fighter aircraft to Israel as a means of political pressure and at the same time signs an agreement with Egypt on the equipping of the Egyptian armed forces.

Jordan Valley State of Emergency--The clandestine Voice of Palestine radio reported that Israel has declared a state of emergency in the Jordan Valley following the 11 August mining of a road that left nine IDF personnel injured. Tel Aviv's HA'ARETZ reported on 13 August that the alert has been increased in the southern Golan Heights and the Jordan Valley in the last 24 hours "for fear of additional terrorist attempts to cross the border and hit the settlements." The Voice of Palestine also cited a Palestinian military source as saying the mining of the road was done by a Palestinian group operating within Israel and therefore did not constitute a violation of the cease-fire agreement on the Lebanese border.

Lebanon

Air Defense System--Beirut radio reported that following a meeting between Lebanese Prime Minister Shafiq al-Wazzan and Secretary General of the Libyan Brotherhood Bureau Salih ad-Daruqi, the latter said Al-Wazzan has accepted a Libyan offer to supply Lebanon with a missle air defense system. Ad-Daruqi added that Libya has no objections to Lebanese insistence that the defense network be run by Lebanese.

Military Situation--Voice of Lebanon radio reported that fighting occurred on 12 August between the Amal Movement on the one hand and communists and Palestinians on the other in the southern Lebanon towns of Ansar, Ad-Duwayr, Haruf, Zibdin, Jibshit and 'Abba. Beirut radio reported that fighting also occurred in An-Nabatiyah and that several people were killed or wounded, adding that calm was returning to the area by the afternoon. According to the radio the situation in Beirut was generally calm, although the Sodeco road was once again closed because of intermittent sniper fire.

PLO

Fatah Member Rejects Fahd Proposals--In a statement to Kuwait's AL-HADAF, cited by KUNA, Fatah Central Committee member Majid Abu Sharar rejected the Saudi Middle East peace plan announced last weekend by Saudi Deputy Prime Minister Fahd ibn 'Abd al-Aziz. The paper reported Abu Sharar as rejecting the plan because it includes recognition of Israel and involves the United States in the resolution of the crisis.

Syria

According to Damascus radio, ATH-THAWRAH has warned those countries that have agreed to join the multinational peacekeeping force in the Sinai that their participation in the proposed force will constitute a blatant challenge to the Arab nation and will be seen as gross disregard for its legitimate and just struggle.

French Nationals, Ambassador Depart--Tehran radio reported that another group of French nationals, including most of the French Embassy staff and French Ambassador to Tehran Guy Georgy, left Tehran for Paris following the breakdown in Iranian-French relations caused by France's refusal to extradite former President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr. The radio cited an Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman as saying that relations between the two countries will now be conducted at the charge d'affaires level.

Acting Air Force Chief--Tehran radio reported that a Colonel Mo'impur, who was described as the acting commander of the air force, met with Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni on 12 August. In an interview after the meeting and later broadcast by the radio, Mo'inpur said orders had come "from high up" for basic and fundamental changes in the air force and affirmed that they had been carried out immediately.

Statement on Ship Seizure--A Foreign Ministry statement, broadcast by Tehran radio, affirmed that while Iran will provide security for shipping in the Strait of Hormuz, it will not allow Iraq or any other nation to take advantage of Iran's good will by transporting war materiel destined for Iraq through a war zone. The statement warned that if nations continue to make their transit port facilities available to the Iraqi Government for the dispatching of aid and war materiel, Iran will take decisive action.

Arrests, Executions--Tehran radio reported the arrest of more than 100 Mojahedin-e Khalq members in Esfahan and claimed that 90 other leftists have been arrested in Mashhad in the past few days. The radio also said that in the past 3 days 14 Mojahedin-e Khalq members linked with bombings and assassinations of government officials have been arrested and transferred to Evin Prison. Other Tehran radio reports spoke of continuing arrests of leftists around the country and the discovery of a number of team houses. According to Shiraz radio, two Mojahedin-e Khalq members were executed in Fasa on 11 August.

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FRENCH AMBASSADOR, 74 OTHERS DEPART FOR PARIS

LD121887 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 12 Aug 81

[Text] According to the Central News Unit, the French ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Iran left Tehran at noon today accompanied by 19 embassy staffers and 55 French nationals. This was the second group of French nationals who left Tehran for Paris by an Iranair plane.

In order to facilitate the departure of the French nationals, the deputy head of protocol of the Foreign Ministry was also present at the airport.

Following the departure of the French ambassador and several French nationals, a spokesman for the Foreign Ministry talked with our correspondent about the expulsion of the French ambassador and said: In connection with the request for the extradition of Bani-Sadr and Rajavi from France, the French ambassador was expelled from Iran last Wednesday due to his incompetence.

He added: Following the expulsion of the French ambassador, the government of that country began its provocations and, after that, without presenting any logical reason, it demanded the departure of its subjects from Iran. The request for the departure of French nationals from Iran was ordered by Francois Mitterrand; this shows the hostile policy of the French Government toward Iran. We ask the French nation to judge.

French nationals told the media after their arrival in France that they were dissatisfied with this decision and have demanded to be allowed to return to Iran. In connection with this, the Foreign Ministry spokesman said: We differentiate between governments and nations and we respect the nations of the world (?deeply). About the French also, as we said before, they are our dear guests and any of who wish to stay in Iran can do so; as for those who would like to return to Iran, there are no restrictions. They can return.

In reply to a question as to what sort of relations Iran and France will have in the future, the spokesman said: Our relations will be at the charge d'affaires level.

NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR SUMMONED OVER EMBASSY ATTACK

LD121212 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 12 Aug 81

[Text] According to the Central News Unit, a number of counterrevolutionaries supporting the hypocrites organization [Mojahedin-e Khalq] yesterday afternoon attacked the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Oslo, the capital of Norway. Causing destruction, breaking glass and damaging the building, the furniture and equipment, they took the embassy charge d'affaires hostage.

According to this report, a few hours after the incident, with the intervention of the Norwegian police, the charge d'affaires of the Islamic Republic of Iran was released and the embassy was cleared of the occupation of the counterrevolutionaries. All the occupiers, some of whom had come from Sweden, were arrested by the police.

For this reason, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran summoned the Norwegian ambassador to Tehran last night; he guaranteed that every cooperation would be given by his government to the Islamic Republic of Iran.

NAVY SEIZES DANISH CARGO SHIP BOUND FOR IRAQ

LD120822 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0730 GMT 12 Aug 81

[Text] A Central News Unit correspondent, quoting a Foreign Ministry spokesman, reports that the combatants of the Navy of the Islamic Republic of Iran arrested a Danish merchant ship carrying war materiel and explosives for the hireling and aggressive Iraqi regime in Persian Gulf waters on 10 August and took it to Bandar-e 'Abbas.

According to the report, after discharging its cargo of war materiel destined for Iraq in Iran, the ship may proceed to its other destinations.

Foreign Ministry Statement

LD121259 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 12 Aug 81

[Foreign Ministry statement issued in connection with the arrest of a Danish freighter--date not given]

[Text] The Foreign Ministry of the Islamic Republic of Iran reports that at 1815 on Monday, 10 August 1981, the Islamic Republic of Iran's fleet observed the Danish merchant vessel (Else Kat) at the entrance of the Strait of Hormuz, 85 miles from the Iranian coast. Enquiries into the cargo the Danish merchant vessel was carrying and about her destination were made in a message. The ship's captain stated that the ship was carrying war material for Iraq through a Kuwaiti port, and other cargo for destinations in the UAE and the Indian port of Cochin. Furthermore, the ship's manifest clearly showed that the ship was carrying war material destined for Iraq through Kuwaiti ports.

The fleet of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in accordance with international law covering war situations, ordered the ship toward the eastern sector of Hormuz island and to Bandar-e 'Abbas, to unload the military cargo destined for Iraq at this port and then to continue to its destinations in the UAE and India.

As has already been declared, the Islamic Republic of Iran declares that it will, with all its strength, provide security for shipping in the Hormuz Strait, but that it will not allow the hireling Iraqi Government, or any other government, to take undue advantage of this goodwill on the part of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran and, in a wartime situation, to carry war material destined for Iraq through a war zone.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran further warns the governments that make their transit port facilities available to the criminal Iraqi Government for dispatching aid and war material that, should such occurrences and acts of assistance to the infidel Iraqi Government be repeated, decisive action will be taken.

The Islamic Republic of Iran points out that the Iraqi Ba'thist regime is on a downhill slope toward its fall, and that helping this regime will not stop it frombeing destroyed. Helping the Iraqi Ba'thist regime, in the final analysis, will be coupled with God's curse and the averasion of the world's Muslims and the oppressed.

ACTING AIR FORCE CHIEF ON CHANGES IN AIR FORCE

LD121254 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 12 Aug 81

[Text] Col Mo'inpur, acting commander of the Air Force of the Islamic Republic of Iran [there have been no monitored reports of the dismissal or resignation of Colonel Fakuri, the minister of defense and the air force commander], accompanied by a number of the new commanders of the country's airbases, was received by Imam Khomeyni, leader of the revolution and founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran, this morning, and held discussions with him.

During this meeting, the imam of the nation, in a short speech addressing them, said: I hope that now that affairs are in the hands of pious and committed persons the same thing would happen in other places as well.

It should not be that you should do the work and others reap the benefit. Your victory will be the victory of all the nation, and the nation is grateful to you. Many prayers follow you today, and it is hoped that you will safeguard your country.

In another part of his speech, the hope of the world oppressed said the incidents that happen are unavoidable. Bombings, fires and so forth are not a very important issue. Thank God, the army, the people, and the guards are all together. I pray to God for success for you all.

Then, in a speech in the presence of the imam of the nation, Colonel Mo'inpur said: The prinicpal thing is faith. The air force acts in accordance with the ideology and the rule of theocracy; God willing, in the next few months it will attain its aims.

At the end of the meeting, a Central News Unit correspondent interviewed Colonel Mo'inpur and one of the pilots who had taken part in the courageous attack on Iraq's oil pumphouse, which you will now hear:

[Begin recording] [Correspondent] Colonel, please tell us what subjects you discussed with the imam?

[Mo'inpur] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. As you more or less know, after the escape of the so-called president--that traitor and (?deposed person)--orders came from high up for basic and fundamental changes [presumably a purge] to take place in the Air Force of the Islamic Republic of Iran. These changes were carried out immediately, on Wednesday. However, because these changes were very fundamental and basic, we thought that our pagan enemy, the Ba'thist Government of Iraq, might decide to deliver blows and prevent this revolutionary move in the Air Force of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Therefore, according to plans that had previously been prepared, our brothers implemented one of these plans 3 days later, on 2 August.

They attacked one of Iraq's refineries and pumphouses; and, fortunately, destroyed more than 80 percent of it. This move caused Iraq to realize that these basic and fundamental changes [in the air force] which will be in accordance with ideology, in addition to speciality, would soon destroy Saddam's mercenary air force and even his army. I will not go into too many details here so that the colonel who had led that team can do so.

[Unidentified colonel] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. I shall only say a few words. For that sortie, which was one of the successful air force missions, the preparations were carried out to the desired level. Iraq's economic jugular vein, through which it had been exporting oil to Syria and Turkey, was the target. The pumphouse in Tikrit, 300 km from the Iranian border and northwest of Baghdad, was hit by Iran's F-4 fighters. The planning had been carried out at the air force headquarters, and the mission was carried out, throughout the air force, in the desired manner. I wish for success for all the pilots. There are three points that I would like to make: one is for the Iranian nation, one for the Iraqi nation and one for the Ba'thist regime of Iraq.

We promise the Iranian nation that we will serve the Islamic homeland with self-sacrifice. We promise the Iraqi people not to drop bombs on them. Our targets are Iraqi military and economic installations. We ask them to revolt against their government, to demonstrate. To Saddam Husayn, and his dim-witted generals I send the message that they should await crushing replies from our pilots.

[Correspondent] Thank you very much. Colonel [presumably Mo'inpur], if you remember, at the end of the Defense Council session, Mr Raja'i said that six persons had been arrested in connection with Bani-Sadr's escape. Would you please tell us how far this has gone?

[Mo'inpur] I should inform the dear Iranian nation that investigations continue. We could possibly reach definite results during the next 7, 8 or 10 days, at the most, and these traitors would be handed over to the armed forces Islamic Revolution Court. A number of other people may possibly have been arrested as well. I am not fully (?familiar) with the matter. But, I know that many more will be arrested in connection with this treason.

[Correspondent] Thank you very much. [end recording]

ARDABILI, BAHONAR MEET WITH KHOMEYNI 12 AUG

LD121252 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 12 Aug 81

[Text] Supreme Court President Musavi Ardabili and Prime Minister Bahonar were received this morning by Imam Khomeyni, the leader of the revolution and the founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran. They briefed the imam of the nation on the latest developments and the current events of the country and on issues related to the appointment of cabinet ministers. It should be added that this was the first meeting between Dr Bahonar and the imam of the nation since becoming prime minister.

Bahonar on Meeting

LD121745 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 12 Aug 81

[Interview granted by Prime Minister Mohammad Javad Bahonar after meeting with Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni on 12 August--recorded]

[Excerpt] [Question] Mr Bahonar: Could you please tell us what issues were raised during your meeting with the imam today, what his suggestions were?

[Answer] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. It was a very good opportunity for us to be received in audience by the imam; we presented a report to his eminence about our progress in selecting cabinet members to be introduced to the Majlis. We brought to his gracious attention that in view of the martyrdom of four former cabinet members and in view of the fact that our Brother Tondguyan is under enemy arrest [oil minister captured and imprisoned by Iraqis] and that my own ministry [Ministry of Education] should (?naturally) have a new minister, and also our Brother Mahdavi-Kani was insisting for a long time to do something else because he does not want to remain in the Interior Ministry, in view of his insistence it was necessary to think of a replacement for the Interior Ministry. [sentence as heard]

It was also brought to his gracious attention that for the remaining 15 ministers, it appears that half of them are going to be replaced. This does not mean that we are not happy with our dear, active, faithful and committed brothers, who did some services in the previous cabinet. No, they served very well, they had a role and were active. Nevertheless, in view of the fact that under present circumstances the expectations of society have increased and [word indistinct] and social grounds were prepared for greater activity in ministries, it is necessary to bring new replacements, who have fresh plans for progress in ministries and are endowed with greater mobility. However, the energy of our dear brothers in the former cabinet must certainly be employed in other places; they have promised cooperation. Therefore, on the whole we will have more than 14 new ministers in the cabinet; we announced this to his eminence.

We also spoke about a report presented to the imam pertaining to the cooperation and understanding which will be created between the revolutionary establishments and governmental organs; we spoke about consultations we have had for selecting members of the cabinet and even our consultation with the Majlis before its formal session to review cabinet members.

ATTACKS, ARRESTS, EXECUTIONS CONTINUE 12 AUG

Guards Headquarters Attacked

LD121130 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 12 Aug 81

[Statement issued by the Public Relations Office of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps; date not given]

[Text] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. This is to inform the heroic and martyr-nurturing Iranian people that this morning, 12 August, hirelings and foreign mercenaries subjected the headquarters of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps to an armed assault. Fortunately, this attack did not result in basic damage. Several perpetrators of the incident have been arrested, thanks to the alertness of the guards corps brothers and the people who are always present on the scene. Details of this treacherous act will be made available to the nation soon.

The enemy must know that these last-ditch acts will not only have no effect on weakening the guards and the people, but will reinforce efforts for the continuation of the Islamic revolution of the imam of the ages, his holiness the greatest remnant of God, may God hasten his noble deliverance.

[Signed] The Public Relations Office of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps

Kazerun Court Issues Sentences

GF121934 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1430 GMT 12 Aug 81

[Text] The Kazerun Islamic Revolution Court has sentenced six persons. According to our correspondent, Mohammad Taqi Shafeh, son of Hoseyn 'Ali, has been given 3 years in prison and a 5-year suspended sentence for cooperating with the hypocrites organization [Mojahedin-e Khalq]. Seyyed Mahdi 'Aberi has been given 5 years in prison and 80 lashes for a similar offense. Javad Forsat, son of Mahdi, has been given 4 years in prison and 50 lashes. Seyyed Hasan Kazemeyni, son of Seyyed Saleh, has been released due to lack of evidence.

'Ali Keyshams, son of 'Ali, has been given 4 months in prison, a 2-year suspended sentence and 29 lashes. Manuchehr Sorurbakhsh, son of Musa, has been given a 1-year suspended sentence and 35 lashes. Both were found guilty of selling, purchasing and possessing narcotics.

Jahrom Guards Arrest Plotters

GF121925 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1430 GMT 12 Aug 81

[Text] With the help of faithful citizens and the cooperation of a security group of Hezbollahis, 26 men and 6 women who were attempting to plot in Jahrom were arrested by the Jahrom Islamic Revolution Guard Corps at night. [time not further specified]

These plotters included the chairman of the defunct Rastakhiz Party, the chairman of the former Khedmatgozar-e Bashar Legion, royalists, usurists, apostates and the plotting supporters of the hypocrites organization [Mojahedin-e Khalq]. A number of harmful books were recovered from their house, and their cars were confiscated. An investigation into their activities is underway.

2 Executed in Fasa

GF121848 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1430 GMT 12 Aug 81

[Text] Two members of the underground hypocrites organization [Mojahedin-e Khalq] who had been active in Fars Province were executed in Fasa at midnight yesterday. According to a communique issued by the Fasa Islamic Revolution Guard Corps, Abdolnabi Dehqan, alias (?Mehdi), of Kazerun and Mohammad Naqizadeh of Jahrom were supporters of the hypocrites organization in Fars and were associated with other elements of that organization.

They had openly supported the organization's current position regarding the war against the Islamic Republic of Iran and the cowardly acts of terrorism and bombings. They had played an active role in several incidents, including setting fire to a bookstore in Fasa prior to the presidential election. These two hypocrites were proven to be armed fighters and rebels, and, in accordance with an order issued by the Islamic Revolution Court, they were executed at midnight yesterday.

14 Sent to Evin Prison

LD121146 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 12 Aug 81

[Excerpt] The Central News Unit reports that, following 1 month of operations by the Islamic revolution committees which resulted in the arrest of a large number of hypocrites [Mojahedin] and members of other American groups, over the past 3 days 14 members of the hypocrites organization linked with bombings and assassinations of state figures have been arrested and transferred to Evin Prison after their dossiers were compiled and completed.

Team Houses Discovered

LD121202 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 12 Aug 81

[Text] According to the Central News Unit, thanks to the efforts of the guards corps and mobilization personnel during the past few days, a team house was discovered in Babol, following which large quantities of explosives, including 12 readymade Molotov cocktails, 18 (?T-junctions), special wicks for (?T-junctions), empty bottles for making Molotov cocktails, explosive material [words indistinct], oil and equipment for making incendiary bombs were discovered; two persons were arrested in this connection and were handed over to the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps of Babol.

A team house of the minigroups was also discovered in Qazvin by the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps and (?seven) members of the minigroups were arrested.

The Public Relations Office of Qazvin Islamic Revolution Guards Corps, announcing this to PARS, added that during the arrest of these people, one of the members who resisted was injured.

2 Arrested for Murder

GF121956 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1430 GMT 12 Aug 81

[Text] Two persons connected with the martyrdom of Hojjat ol-Eslam Faqihi, shar' magistrate of the Fars Islamic Revolution Court, and with the deaths of two of his brothers who were guarding him, have been arrested.

The Public Relations Office of the Estahbanat Islamic Revolution Guards Corps has reported that these Mojahedin had earlier written letters threatening to take the young son of martyr Faqihi hostage and kill him.

The arrested persons are Mohammad Ranjbar, son of Mostafa, and Mohammad Hasan (Qana'at-Pesheh), son of Habib.

While trying to escape at a traffic circle on the Estahbanat Highway, they had an accident on their motorcycle and had to be returned to Shiraz to receive medical attention. They were arrested when they finally returned to Estahbanat. According to the report by the Estahbanat Islamic Revolution Guard Corps, they are citizens of Jahrom.

Ammunition Found Near Mosque

LD122127 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 12 Aug 81

[Text] According to PARS, this morning a street cleaner discovered six [word indistinct] handgrenades, more than 200 cartridges for various types of weapons and several [word indistinct] grenades while collecting the garbage piled up in front of the 'Aemmeh-e Athar mosque in the vicinity of Piruzi Avenue. He turned them in to the responsible officials.

Arrests Announced

LD121914 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 12 Aug 81

[Text] According to a Central News Unit report, the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps in Mashhad, with the vigilance and cooperation of people, yesterday managed to discover a communcal house in Rex Street; this house operated under the cover of a construction firm. In this connection eight sympathizers of the hypocrites organization [Mojahedin-e Khalq] were arrested and the accused were handed over to the guards corps for further investigation.

The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps in Khorramabad announced in a communique 3 days ago that information relating to a network of the hypocrites organization was given to the corps by people and was immediately pursued. As a result, one communal house was discovered in Borujerd and one equipped factory in Hamedan was found. Eight people were arrested in this connection, among whom are a number of leading members of the hypocrites organization of Khorramabad.

Thanking our people who are always on the scene, for their cooperation we demand the Islamic Revolution Courts punish them for their actions through dispossessing and punishing the capitalists who put printing houses and resources at the disposal of counterrevolutionaries who are waging war.

The Central News Unit, quoting the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps of Abhar, also reported: With the cooperation of the Zanjan Guards Corps, the corpsmen discovered a communal house belonging to a hypocrites organization minigroup in Zanjan. In this connection, two persons, named 'Ali Morshedi, resident of Khorram Darreh, and (Mojtaba Naderi), resident of Qom, were arrested. Three T-junction explosive devices and some of the organisation's publications were seized and were handed over to the Islamic public prosecutor's office in Zanjan.

According to a PARS report, the Public Relations Office of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps in Rudbar announced: (Bakhtiar Baqeri), son of Ramazan, one of the agents of the devotee guerillas [Cherikha-ye Feda'i-ye Khalq], a minority branch of the hypocrites organization, was arrested on charges of taking part in the bloody incidents at Gilan University, running propaganda centers against the Islamic Republic, holding and taking part in demonstrations against the guards corps and being active in most counterrevolutionary meetings. After preliminary investigations the accused was handed over to the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps in Rahst.

100 'Hypocrites' Arrested

LD121808 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 12 Aug 81

[Text] According to a PARS report, following the arrest of two active cadres of the hypocrites organization [Mojahedin-e Khalq] in Esfahan and after the martyrdom of Hojjat ol-Eslam Beheshtinezhad and his 4-year-old nephew, more than 100 people most of whom are from the military branch of the aforesaid organization, have been arrested.

PARS reported that this group intended to set off bombs and murder a group of personalities and committed individuals following the imam's line.

A communique issued by the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps in Esfahan stated: The arrests followed recent efforts by this group of hypocrites to murder personalities and bomb buildings, including the martyring of Brother Hojjat ol-Eslam Beheshtinezhad and his brother's 4-year-old child and guard Mahdi Hana'inezhad, and attacks on several revolutionary and popular institutions, including the Enqelab Mosque mobilization, the imam's relief committee, the Oppressed Foundation, several kiosks and more than 40 shops and houses belonging to members of the Islamic Republican Party and committed individuals.

The communique added: At present the hypocrites organization, following the defeats and blows inflicted on it, is in a state of panic and is going to create issues in order to prevent the desertion and escape of members and sympathisers from the organization. We warn the repentant and deceived elements not to be deceived by these mercenaries any longer. In particular, parents must vigilantly watch their children because if they are arrested once more by the heroic nation and handed over to courts they will be treated in accordance with shar' standards.

The communique goes on to appeal to people to continue their presence on the scene and concludes: We will also undertake to the utmost our struggle and efforts to overthrow and uproot these mercenary dregs as in the past and to pay off our debt to the revolution.

PARS REPORTS IRAQIS USING CHEMICAL WEAPONS

LD131120 Tehran PARS in English 0825 GMT 13 Aug 81

[Text] Tehran, 13 Aug (PARS)--According to reliable reports, the mercenary forces of Saddam have recently used chemical materials in the Tamarchin mountain pass west of the Iranian city of Piranshah. After its explosion, the weapon emits a kind of gas which causes nausea and dizziness in people who come into contact with it. The use of this weapon is a clear indication that Saddam is helpless in confronting the Iranian Army of Islam and therefore treacherously appling such inhuman weapons.

COMMUNIQUE 600 REPORTS ON BATTLE SUCCESSES

LD121740 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 12 Aug 81

[Communique 600 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. The zealous combatants of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran are consistently striving throughout the battlefronts to cleanse the Islamic homeland of Iran of the odium of the aggressor adversary. You are informed of some of the operations by these tireless heroes during the past 24 hours as follows:

Exchanges of fire continued between Islam's selfless combatants and Saddam's army on most of the operational zones in the western parts of the country and, thanks to our artillery fire, one enemy observation post in Kalleh Harat in the Paveh region was totally destroyed. On the Dezful front, our combat units, by shelling enemy positions, destroyed two mortars and one ammunition dump and killed or wounded more than 25 of the aggressor elements who were fleeing as a result of the artillery barrage.

In other operations on this front two enemy ammunition dumps and one vehicle were destroyed and a number of Iraqi troops were either killed or wounded.

Our mighty heroes on the Ahvaz front destroyed one enemy tank and one ammunition dump. On the Abadan-Khuninshahr front, thanks to our artillery fire on the Ba'thist aggressors, one enemy tank, one cannon, five ammunition dumps, one vehicle, one grader, two machinegun and RPG-7 emplacements and many foxholes and trenches were set ablaze. On another front in the same region, our forces destroyed one enemy heavy machinegun and one ammunition dump and killed or wounded more than eight of Saddam's soldiers. In the Abadan-Mahshahr and Darkhovin-As-Sulaymaniyah regions, thanks to the merciless fire of the self-sacrificing forces of Islam, one enemy bulldozer, four depots, one truck carrying ammunition, one vehicle and a trench of the Iraqi Army were destroyed and two tanks were damaged.

The enemy once again opened fire on the city of Abadan and our compatriots in that city suffered losses and casualties. Thanks to fire opened by our valiant combatants on enemy positions in the occupied sector of Khuninshahr, one enemy ammunition dump, one heavy machinegun emplacement and one assembly point were destroyed and enemy servicemen were either killed or wounded.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

GUARDS CORPS COMMUNIQUE ON OPERATIONS IN SOUTH

LD121820 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 12 Aug 81

[Communique issued by the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps on 12 August]

[Text] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. "I call on the great Iranian nation to remain strong no matter what problems come along, to depend on the blessed and exalted God and to fear nothing. We did not fear the superpowers, let alone this one [reference to Iraq] which is no power at all."--this is a quotation from Imam Khomeyni.

Saluting the combatants of the battlefronts of good against evil, we would like to bring you a report on the operation undertaken by the self-sacrificing guards corps on the southern fronts:

Thanks to the opening of medium-heavy weapons and mortar fire by the self-sacrificing combatants of the Islamic revolution Guards Corps on enemy positions, two assembly buildings of the Iraqi Ba'thist forces, four observation trenches, one ammunition dump, part of a connecting canal [as heard] and one heavy-machinegun emplacemen and several other positions, together with weapons and mercenary servicement therein were destroyed.

Also, thanks to concerted fire by our enemy heroes and the corps fighters, two enemy trenches, together with one RPG-7 emplacement of the Iraqi Ba'thist mercenaries, were destroyed and four servicemen of the forces of blasphemy were annihilated.

On the Khorramshahr front, the members of the guards corps, by opening up their crushing fire, destroyed many trenches, several heavy-machinegun and RPG-7 emplacements, one observation trench, one 50-mm heavy machinegun emplacement and many other positions of the infidel forces of Saddam.

[Signed] The Public Relations Office of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps

SRI LANKA

ARMED FORCES MOBILIZED TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER

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[Text] The armed forces were mobilized today to assist the police in maintaining law and order throughout the country. The order was made by the president in terms of the public security ordinance. The three armed services will have all the powers of the police including powers of the arrest, search and the use of such force including firearms as may be necessary.

Earlier, presiding in the weekly Cabinet meeting, President Jayewardene emphasized the need for adherence to law and order in the context of the prevailing situation of uneasiness and the number of incidents that had taken place of an intercommunal nature. The president explained that any nation that gave up adherence to law and order was headed for disaster. Whatever steps were taken to remedy the present state of tension must be legal and constitutional. He said if the present laws were insufficient to deal with any matter, the state could take on new powers to deal with terrorism and rioting; but such powers, the president explained, must be obtained constitutionally through Parliament.

The president further said he would ensure that in maintaining law and order there would be no discrimination and anybody who broke the laws, whether in the north, the south, the east or the west, would be equally dealt with if caught breaking the laws of the country. Mr Jayewardene said that all ministers and government MP's and those who are keen to have good government must not allow any incident to (?block) their judgment.

He said active consideration would be given to the numerous suggestions made by ministers as well as other leaders in the country, but that it was essential that no one should help to escalate intercommunal tension. The president warned that there were people other than terrorists and the TULF [Tamil United Liberation Front] who might want to disturb the peaceful development programs that were on going. There were elements in the country who would like to incite people to break the law, disturb the peace and bring about a state of unrest so that some of these developmental schemes could be retarded. He said the newly formed developmental councils should be given a chance to work. There must obviously be people who want to see that they do not work. It was important to keep this in mind when dealing with incidents as they arise.

The inspector general of police has, meanwhile, instructed all police stations in the island to set up public vigilance committees for assisting the police in maintaining law and order. Members of several units of the volunteer force of the army have been directed to report immediately for mobilization.

MRS BANDARANAIKE UNHURT IN BOMB ATTACK 12 AUG

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[Text] Colombo, 13 Aug (AFP)--Police were today conducting intensive inquiries into a bomb attack at a public meeting presided over by former Prime Minister Mrs Sirimavo Bandaranaike at Gampaha, about 30 miles north of Colombo last night.

Nineteen people injured in the blasts were admitted to a nearby hospital. Mrs Bandaranaike, unhurt, was escorted from the scene by police. The car in which she came to the meeting was later found badly damaged.

Police have taken one person into custody. The group responsible for the attack has not been identified.

The DINAKARAO, the daily newspaper of Mrs Bandaranaike's Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) today described the incident as an attempt to assassinate her. It said that a bomb thrown by hoodlums at the rostrum on which Mrs Bandaranaike and others were seated missed its mark and fell nearby where it exploded, injuring several people. The newspaper said that the crowd foiled attempts by the hoodlums to storm the rostrum.

Lights had failed just before the incident which happened about 1915. Eyewitnesses said at least three explosions were heard.

A member of the SLFP was addressing the crowd and Mrs Bandaranaike was seated on the stage next to Mr S.D. Bandaranayake, the member of Parliament for the area from her party when the first blast occurred. The crowd stampeded and the meeting was immediately abandoned.

The attack coincides [with] a deep rift among the leaders of the SLFP. Mrs Bandaranaike and her deputy Maitripala Senanayake have been trading public accusations against each other over the past few days. Mr Senanayake and twelve other party stalwarts have accused Mrs Bandaranaike of behaving in a dictatorial way in conducting the affairs of the party. Mrs Bandaranaike's son, Anura, is among the group siding with Mr Senanayake. All thirteen are members of the party's Central Committee of 22, the main policy-making body.

Mrs Bandaranaike, in turn, has accused Mr Senanayake of plotting with the ruling United National Party to oust her from politics.

Mrs Bandaranaike, who was prime minister from 1960 to 1965 and again from 1970 to 1977, was stripped of her civic rights and expelled from Parliament last October after a special presidential commission found her guilty of abuse and misuse of power during her second term as prime minister.